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May 1st, Acqui:

(To Faypoult, at Genoa.) We are at Acqui since yesterday. Beaulieu's retreat is so rapid that we have failed to reach him. Send me a memorandum, geographical, historical, political, and topographical, on the imperial fiefs in the neighbourhood of Genoa. Send me a memorandum on the Dukes of Parma, of Piacenza, and of Modena, their troops, fortresses, and resources; send me also a schedule of the pictures, statues, cabinets, and curios of Milan, Parma, Piacenza, Modena, and Bologna. The Duke of Parma was to have concurred in the peace we made with Spain; how was it this was not done ?

Send 6000 pairs of boots to Tortona immediately.

6th, Tortona:

(To the Directoire.) Yesterday we were cannonading the Austrians beyond the Po. This river is wide and very difficult to cross. My plan is to cross it as near Milan as possible, so as to leave no further obstacle between me and that capital. To-day we march on Piacenza. If I were to wait for a couple of pontoon bridges, I am certain we should not get over in July; my plan is to cross with rafts and flying bridges.

It would be of advantage if you could send me three or four artists of repute to select the things we want to send to Paris.

Since the camnaim onened. General Berthier. chief of